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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: SPLIT-KEY KEY-AGREEMENT PROTOCOL
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$690.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 8 pages, including 1 independent claim and 11 claims total.
3. Drawings - 2 sheets of informal drawings containing 2 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Canadian Patent Application No. 2,277,633, filed on July 19, 1999.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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